



Docket No. 97078CIPDIV1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Johnson et al. Group Art Unit: 1714
Application No.: 09/752,227 Examiner: Shosho, C.
Filed: December 29, 2000
For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING IMPROVED DISPERSING PROPERTIES**

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 69 without prejudice.